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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1 1. (currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:
 - 2 an open API server for communicating with a user device and for sending and
 - 3 receiving application programming interface commands; and
 - 4 a proxy for receiving said application programming interface commands from
 - 5 said open API server, for sending said application programming interface commands
 - 6 received from said open API server to an application, for receiving responses from said
 - 7 application, and for sending said received responses to said open API server;
 - 8 wherein said proxy sends service contract implementation parameters to said open
 - 9 API server, wherein the implementation parameters sent to the open API server direct the
 - 10 open API server to implement local service contract terms; and
 - 11 wherein said open API server controls sending application programming interface
 - 12 commands based on said service contract implementation parameters the local service
 - 13 contract terms[();]
 - 14 wherein, based on at least one identified condition, said open API server requests
 - 15 modification of at least one of said service contract implementation parameters.
- 1 2. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said service contract implementation
- 2 parameters are related to a service contract.
- 1 3. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further including a database for
- 2 storing control parameters, wherein said proxy accesses and processes said stored control
- 3 parameters to form said service contract implementation parameters.

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1 4. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further including a registration
2 and discovery device that receives control parameters, wherein said proxy processes said
3 stored control parameters to form said service contract implementation parameters.

1 5. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said proxy includes input/output
2 circuitry, a memory, and a processor.

1 6. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, further including a computer readable media
2 for storing program information that at least partially controls said proxy to produce said
3 service contract implementation parameters.

1 7. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one
2 identified condition comprises a change in service usage.

1 8 - 16. (cancelled)

1 17. (currently amended) A method of operating a telecommunication network,
2 comprising:

3 obtaining service contract terms;
4 processing the service contract terms to develop implementation parameters for a
5 plurality of open API servers;

6 sending said implementation parameters to said plurality of open API servers,
7 wherein the implementation parameters sent to each open API server directs that open
8 API server to implement local service contract terms;

9 receiving application programming interface commands from the plurality of
10 open API servers, wherein each open API server sends said application programming
11 interface commands in accordance with its local service contract terms; and

12 passing said received application programming interface commands to at least one
13 application; and

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14 ~~receiving, from one of said open API servers, at least one request to modify at~~
15 ~~least one of said local service contract terms associated with said one of said open API~~
16 ~~servers.~~

1 18. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, further including the steps of:
2 identifying, at said one of said open API servers, a condition requiring
3 modification of said at least one of said local service contract terms associated with said
4 one of said open API servers; and
5 sending said at least one request to modify said at least one of said local service
6 contract terms.

1 19. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, further including the step of
2 storing said obtained service contract terms.

1 20. (cancelled)